road to the new Ernakulam Willingdon island bridge on the Ernakulam foreshore. I hope the House will sanction this allotment.

The demand was put and carried.

Rs. 95 under '31-A-Direction and Inspection—Carving workshop - Other charges' and Rs. 321 by transfer from '30-Scientific, etc., Department-4-Industrial Museum—Establishment to '31-A-Direction and Inspection—Carving workshops—Establishment'.

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): I may be permitted to move the remaining two items together. They are Nos. 7 and 8. I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 416 under Industries Department. Of this only Rs. 95 is by way of additional allotment. The balance of Rs. 321 is by transfer from '30-Scientific, etc., Department'. This was necessitated by the shifting of the workshop from the Museum to the Industries Department. I request that the House may sanction this allotment.

The demand was put and carried.

The Cochin Sea Customs Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move that the Cochin Sea Customs Act Amendment Bill be read in Council. So far as the objects and reasons of this amendment are concerned they are briefly stated in the paper printed and circulated among the members along with the copy of the text of the bill itself. It will be seen therefrom that this amendment is after all an innocent one—a non-controversial one. I request that the bill be passed in Council.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja (*Advocate-General*): I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

Secretary to the Legislative Council: The title of the bill is 'The Cochin Sea Customs Act Amendment Bill.'

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I request that S. O. No. 32 be suspended.

Mr. President: S. O. No. 32 is suspended.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I move that the bill may be taken into consideration.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja (*Advocate-General*): I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

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Mr. President: The question is that Clauses 1 and 2 stand part of the Bill.

Short title and commencement.

1. This Act may be called the Cochin Sea Customs (Amendment) Act, of 111 , and it shall come into force at once.

Amendment of section 18.

2. In section 18 of the Cochin Sea Customs Act, XII of 1109, substitute the words "by sea, air or land" for the words "by sea or by land."

Clauses 1 and 2 were put and carried.

Mr. President: The question is that the Title and Preamble stand part of the bill.

The Cochin Sea Customs Act (Amendment) Bill.

Preamble.

Whereas it is deemed expedient to further amend the Cochin Sea Customs Act, XII of 1109 for the purpose of enabling Government to prohibit or restrict the bringing or taking of goods of any specified description by air; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Title and Preamble were put and carried

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I move that the bill be taken up and finally passed tomorrow.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja (*Advocate-General*): I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

Mr. President: The House will discuss the non-official resolutions in the balloted order.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Expert Committee to investigate and submit proposals for Rural uplift and welfare.

* **Mr. L. M. Pylee** (*Latin Christians-Ernakulam*): I beg to move the resolution that stands in my name, which reads as follows:—

"*This Council recommends to the Government that a committee of experts with a non-official majority be appointed to investigate into the conditions and needs of rural areas and to submit to the Government proposals for rural uplift and welfare.*"

In moving this resolution, Sir I beg to bring to the notice of the Government the conditions that have been prevailing for a long time past in the rural areas of our State. As the hon'ble members are aware, there is only 17·1 per cent of the total population inhabiting the Towns, and the remaining portion of the population are in rural areas according to the latest Census report.

* Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

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